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HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY
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NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Company's Hotel on
SATURDAY, 14th February, 1917, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving a
statement of Accounts of the year
to 31st December, 1916, with the report
of the Directors, and to discuss any
matter that may be competently brought
before the Meeting.

The TRAVELLER'S BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 10th to 17th
February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
J. H. TAGGART,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1917. 1408

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-
ING of the Shareholders in this
Corporation will be held at the CITY
Hall, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the
same day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Court of Directors together with
a statement of Accounts for the year
ending the 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of Shares of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from
MONDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, to
SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1917
(both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Feb. 6, 1917. 1409

HONGKONG
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW.

THE FLOWER and VEGETABLE
SHOW will be held on the 8th
and 9th March, in the Botanical
Gardens.

Intending Exhibitors should send
their entry forms to the Hon. Secretary
not later than 28th February.

Copies of Rules and Schedules may
be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

A. NICOL,
Quarry Bay,
Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1917. 1408

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firm's name.

WORCESTER & LAMMERT.
Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917. 1408

SECOND 5% RUSSIAN INTERNAL
SHORT TERMED LOAN OF 1916.

ALTHOUGH the subscription lists
were closed on the 28th December,
the RUSSO ASIATIC BANK, Hong-
kong, is prepared to ACCEPT ORDERS
for the above Loan up to the 13th
FEBRUARY on the subscription terms
as previously advertised.

Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1917. 1398

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL AND
ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED
on THURSDAY, 13th instant.
For Terms for Dayscholars and
Boarders apply to
THE HEADMASTER,
Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1917. 1407

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL,
KOWLOON.

THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL,
Kowloon, will RE-OPEN on
THURSDAY Morning, February 13th,
at 9 o'clock.
Boarders return on February 14th.
Hongkong, Feb. 12, 1917. 1401

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE HON. SECRETARY requests
members not to resort to the
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case his numbers are—

Office 1800
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Hongkong, Feb. 10, 1917. 1403

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About 30 Doz. Lady's Silk Hoses.

TERMS.—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Feb. 7, 1917. 1473

PRELIMINARY NOTICE
PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Executors of the Estate of the late Mr. L. R. NEEDHAM, to sell by Public Auction.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

SATURDAY,
the 17th February, 1917, at 30 p.m.,
at No. 6, Mountain View, the
WHOLE OF THE
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, &c.,
contained therein.

further particulars will be published later.
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Hongkong, Feb. 10, 1917. 1483

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thought it prudent to increase the amount set aside for depreciation, in view of the wear and tear of machinery used continuously. It is difficult to say that even this increased amount is adequate, but this is a point to which we shall give constant attention as we shall console ourselves by the reflection that such a balance-sheet as this is the best possible answer to allegations so often made against armament firms of exploiting the country's necessity."

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE DIVIDEND of \$1.25 per Share declared at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghui Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, 1917.

Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1917.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, No. 1 Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 2nd February, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1916 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February, 1917, until FRIDAY, the 23rd February, 1917, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1917.

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THE DIARY

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

9.15 p.m.—Concert at Helena May Institute.

General Memoranda

TUESDAY, Feb. 15.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Miscellaneous Stock (Lady's Silk Hose and Boots and Shoes etc.)

FRIDAY, Feb. 17.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Linen at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Noon.—Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Meeting 2.15 p.m.—Cricket on H. K. C. C. Ground.—Club v. Civil Service.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture of the late L. R. Needham) at No. 6 Mountain View, the Peak.

MONDAY, Feb. 19.—
6.30 p.m.—lecture at Helena May Institute.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20.—
Shrove Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 21.—
Ash Wednesday.

FRIDAY, Feb. 23.—
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

SATURDAY, Feb. 24.—
Noon.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's Meeting.

MONDAY, Feb. 27 & WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.—
Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

TUESDAY, March 1.—
St. David's Day.

SATURDAY, March 3.—
H. K. Jockey Club Race Meeting "Off" Day.

TUESDAY 8 & FRIDAY, March 9.—
H. K. C. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The last lecture on Ruskin will be delivered at the Helena May Institute on Friday next, the 16th inst., at 10.15 a.m.

Mr. A. M. Chalmers, H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Yokohama, has been created a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

According to the Chinese papers, the Government has approved the proposal to improve the waterways in the region of Ichang, Chungking and other parts of the Upper Yangtze in order to facilitate navigation.

The Kirin Brewery Company has declared a dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum. It has been decided to increase the present capital of \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000, to provide for a further extension of business.

It is stated that Mr. L. F. Fulford, C.M.G., Consul-General at Tientsin, is shortly retiring and that his place will be filled by Mr. W. P. Ker, C.M.G., Commercial Attaché in Peking. It is probable that Mr. Archibald Rose will go to Peking in Mr. Ker's place.

At H. K. V. R. Order of to-day's date says:—The following members will attend at King's Park Range on Friday the 16th inst. at 2 p.m. Dress Drill order: Sergt. A. Charlton, Ptes. W. L. Leask, K. W. Bean, F. A. Coleman, T. Oliphant and P. H. Rolfe.

An excellent programme has been arranged for the concert at the Helena May Institute to-morrow night. The contributors will include Mr. Denman, Mr. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Muriel, Mrs. Marley, Mr. Findlay Smith, Mrs. Balaam, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. Leigh, Miss Little, Mrs. Gallaway, Mr. Jones, and Mr. R. Sutherland. The concert commences at 9.15.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

The local Chinese newspapers publish to-day several telegrams dated from Peking and Shanghai on the 9th, 10th and 11th inst., relating to the Chinese protest to Germany.

Though it is not stated definitely in any of them that diplomatic relations have been actually severed, a Peking telegram to the "Wah Tsu Yut Po," despatched on the night of the 10th inst., says: "The German Minister has received his passports and is leaving on Monday."

A Shanghai telegram, dated the 11th inst., says the Shanghai Arsenal has been instructed by the War Ministry to prevent German steamers leaving Shanghai, and adds that Chinese warships have been on guard at Woosung since last Sunday (the 4th inst.).

It is also stated that public opinion in Peking welcomes the Government's action and that the various political parties propose to form an association to support the Government's diplomatic policy.

It appears from another telegram that the Premier was at first opposed to taking action of any kind at present, and a deputation of the old military school strongly urged him to maintain this attitude, but a deputation from the Generals of the Revolution and the Young China party vehemently advocated the opposite course. The Vice-President also urged the Government in a similar sense, when the majority of the Cabinet were persuaded by degrees to see the matter in this light and the Premier was overruled.

BIG FIRE AT YOKOHAMA.

There was a great explosion followed by a fire in a Yokohama godown on the 2nd inst., and extensive damage was caused to property in the vicinity. It appears that the godown contained a large quantity of gasoline oil, sulphur and other inflammable goods. The damage done is estimated at \$30,000 yen.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

SHIP'S CAPTAIN PROSECUTED BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL

Captain Baylis, Master of the S.S. "Lienshing," was summoned before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this afternoon for refusing to receive on board his vessel, G. P. O. mail for Saigon.

The manager of the Man Chuen Steamship Company was also summoned to answer for the Company's failing to notify the Postmaster-General that the sailing time of the S. S. "Lienshing" had been postponed.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Postmaster-General, appeared to prosecute and the case against the Steamship Company was taken first.

The Company's manager deplored that the departure of the S.S. "Lienshing" had been delayed because of some trouble with the steamer's water tanks and that as soon as the Company heard of this they notified the G. P. O. that the vessel would not leave on schedule time.

The officer in charge of the G. P. O. then testified that he had taken 22 bags of mail out to the a.s. "Lienshing" and the Captain had informed him that the ship was not leaving on time and refused to receive the mail on board.

Replying to the officer's testimony Captain Baylis denied having refused to receive the mail and said that he had merely explained to the launch officer that there was no place on board where the mail could be stowed.

Mr. Wolfe then stated that it was decided that every shipping company was bound to give the earliest possible notice to the G. P. O. of any change in the sailing time of any of their ships.

"I do not wish to press the charge against the ship's captain," said Mr. Wolfe, "but I feel that he should be given to understand that a little more courtesy to the G. P. O. officials would avoid considerable trouble. The Steamship Company, however, were grossly negligent in failing to comply with the Ordinance."

His Worship cautioned the Captain and imposed a fine of \$50 upon the Steamship Company.

THIEF OF A PENKNIFE.

A Chinese employee of the Sanitary Department was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne with stealing a penknife.

Inspector Taylor of the Sanitary Department said that while engaged in removing a case of smallpox from No. 5 New street he saw the defendant, who was working in the house at the time, take something from a tray and put it in his pocket. Upon searching him he found the penknife, which the defendant said belonged to him. He then called the tenant and when the latter had the penknife was her property the defendant admitted the theft. His Worship imposed a fine of ten dollars.

ALLEGED POCKET PICKING.

A Chinese charged with pocket picking was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. It was alleged that defendant was caught in the act of stealing a watch from the complainant's pocket while he was walking along Des Voeux Road, just outside the Sun Yat-sen's residence. The defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

CONTRAVENING BUILDING BY-LAWS.

A Chinese contractor was charged by Building Inspector Berget with having contravened the building by-laws. It appeared that defendant had failed to comply with certain building requirements in the erection of a house in Whitfield, off Causeway Bay. Mr. Melbourne imposed a fine of \$200.

GERMANY'S SHIPPING LOSSES.

Captain Schroeder, in a lecture before the German Institute of Science, of Navigation, recently stated that since the outbreak of war 102 German ships, representing 452,000 registered tons, had been destroyed by mines or torpedoes; 267 ships, with a cargo capacity of 807,000 tons, had been captured by the enemy and turned to its own use; and 621 merchant ships, of 2,841,000 registered tons in all, were lying "informed" in neutral harbours. In German harbours are 400 steamships, of a total of 2,400,000 registered tons. This means that 7.6 per cent. of German tonnage is irretrievably lost, 18.4 per cent. is in the hands of the enemy, 8.1 per cent. is in neutral harbours, and 40 per cent. in Germany.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.

The thirty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ltd. was held at noon to-day at the Company's office in the Hotel Mansions.

There were present: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, (Chairman) Hon. Mr. C. C. Anton, Messrs. R. Shawan, H. W. Looker, S. H. Dodwell, Sir R. Ho Tung (Directors) Owen Hughes, M. S. Northcott, C. E. Warren, C. G. Moxon, A. Shelton Hooper, P. Tester, and W. E. Clarke (Secretary).

The Chair was said: As it is past the hour for which this Meeting has been called, and as there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the Meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice the CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen.—The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, with Auditors' report attached, having been in your hands for the usual period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The result of the year's working under review will, I hope, be considered satisfactory by the shareholders, and I trust that the appropriations recommended will meet

of the funds for this purpose being insufficient.

The Bonus recommended for the foreign staff generally is part of a promise made by your Board, when about the middle of the year they had to consider the question of increased emoluments to the floating staff. I feel sure the shareholders will sanction this bonus when they remember the extra work and risks taken during the troublous times in the neighbouring provinces.

I am pleased to say that there has been a considerable reduction in the loss caused by the exchange of subsidiary coins during the last three months of the year. The figures \$72,670.19 it must, however, still be considered a heavy tax on our working.

The tremendous increases in the cost of nearly all supplies and more especially coal have compelled your Board to take a conservative view with regard to the dividend, and I am sure this policy of caution will not fail to command credit to you. Shareholders will readily recognize the soundness of conserving our resources when you consider the fact that, unlike coastwise and ocean shipping, tonnage in the river trade is far in excess of ordinary requirements.

In reviewing the figures for the year it will be seen that during that period, in spite of strenuous competition and a fair share of serious "visitations" in the nature of typhoons, pestilence, floods, famine and ever recurring political disturbances, we have written down the value of steamers and properties over \$410,000, added to Insurance and Depreciation Fund \$90,000, carried to Special Repairs Fund \$150,000, invested over \$850,000, in new tonnage and \$160,000 in new wharves, and distributed in dividends over a million and half dollars.

I do not think there is anything else in the Balance Sheet that requires special mention, but should any shareholders desire to ask any further questions, I will answer to the best of my ability, after the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts, has been proposed and seconded.

The Chairman then proposed and Mr. Owen Hughes seconded the adoption of the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts, and the motion was carried.

Mr. T. F. Hough then proposed and Mr. M. S. Northcott seconded the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. S. H. Dodwell, as directors, and the Chairman proposed and Mr. G. C. Moxon seconded the re-election of Messrs. Bernard Brown and A. R. Lowe as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$400 each.

Both proposals were carried.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON HARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the thirtieth ordinary annual meeting states:—

The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

The profit on working was \$706,745.53 as compared with \$471,297.75 in 1915.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, including \$105,892.67 brought forward from last year and after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, and paying for all interest and repairs, amounts to \$729,080.81, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 8% \$24,000.00

To a bonus of \$2 per share 120,000.00

To write off Launous 10,000.00

Lighters 43,295.30

Machinery and Plant 18,727.05

Kowloon Wharves

TELEGRAMS.

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FIGHTING ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

"MASTERLY RETIREMENT" BY THE ENEMY.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 12.

The British capture of Grandcourt is still not mentioned in the German communiques, but the papers are beginning to break the news. The *Local Answerer* describes the evacuation as a masterly retirement.

FURTHER BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We further progressed last night in the neighbourhood of the Beaufort-Puissey road, and occupied 600 yards of trench without difficulty.

A counter-attack southwards of Serré Hill was caught by our artillery barrage and machine-gun fire and easily repulsed.

We entered the enemy's line in a number of places.

We have an ammunition dump south-east of Armentières and disposed a riding party north-east of Neuville St. Vaast.

THE GERMAN ACCOUNT.

A German official report states: We repelled English attacks eastward of Armentières and southward of Le Basses Canal!

We repelled six night attacks between Serré and the Aire. Our assailants, who wore snow shirts, met with heavy losses in a hand-to-hand fight.

We evacuated a trench south-east of Serré before an English attack.

MINOR SUCCESSES ON FRENCH FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

A French communiqué records minor successes, including two coups de main in Argonne, and the sector Hill 304 respectively, in which prisoners were taken.

An enemy aeroplane was brought down.

A French air squadron bombed railway stations at St. Eloy, Dijon, Mous and Athies.

LATER.

A communiqué states that there has been intermittent reciprocal artillery activity in the region of Besançon and sectors in the Vosges.

KAISER'S REQUEST TO HIS TROOPS.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 12.

It is reported that the Kaiser in an Army Order says: "My armies have crossed all the rivers they have met. Now I ask them to cross the Yser."

EFFECTS OF THE INCESSANT BRITISH BOMBARDMENT.

A CAPTURED REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 12. Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says the effects of the incessant British bombardment are indicated in a captured report from a company commander of the 31st German Infantry to a battalion at Headquarters dated February 4th. It said: "Our trenches are blotted out, dug-outs are unusable, shell after shell bursts right on top of them. British airmen are flying very low to direct fire. Our artillery fired very little. German airmen only appeared in the evening, and failed to disturb the British. The latter appear to be using a new type of gun; the shell from which bursts like a mine. The area of destruction is large."

THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

FRENCH COMMENT.

PARIS, Feb. 12.

The newspapers are paying great attention to the British advance, characterising it as of real importance, and suggest that the British should definitely ascertain whether the German retirement is wholly forced or represents some new tactical device.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

A Russian official report states: The enemy under cover of a snow-storm attacked northward of Kiselin and penetrated our trenches but were driven out.

The enemy crossed the ice on the Dniester and pressed back our field posts but we counter-attacked and regained the positions.

THE GERMAN VERSION.

A German official report says: We advanced at Dniester and Kiselin.

THE FIGHTING ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ENEMY NEAR GORIZIA COMPLETELY REPULSED.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

An Italian official report says: We reached Taviss station and repulsed an enemy attack in the Adel zone after violent hand-to-hand fighting. The survivors were captured.

We re-established our lines eastward of Gorizia and completely repulsed the enemy with serious losses. We took a hundred prisoners.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

BERNE, Feb. 12.

Members of Mr. Gerard's party state that conditions in Germany are bad but the people are not starving. They are buoyed up by hopes of submarine and are resolved to fight to the most bitter end.

The Dutch Minister from Bucharest is taking up the interests of interned prisoners.

Seven hundred Americans are remaining in Berlin.

THE NEW VOTES OF CREDIT.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

Mr. Bonar Law, introducing in the House of Commons votes of credit for £350,000,000 to cover war expenditure to May 31st, said the total voted of credit for the current financial year would be £1,050 millions. Expenditure on the Army, Navy and munitions had increased by a million daily compared with the first sixty-three days of the financial year, owing to increased expenditure on munitions and food.

The demands from the Dominions recently had been much less than the average for the year. The Dominions were still able to finance themselves very largely. The increase of munitions was as continuous as ever.

The smallest increase in any kind of shell compared with the first year of the war was twenty-eight times.

(Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Law estimated the advances to the Allies and the Dominions to March 31st would total \$90 millions. He was most confident as to the future. He did not know whether the new War Loan would be a success, but the applications would certainly be more numerous, and he believed the amount applied for would be greater than ever before.

Referring to Salonic, he stated that the British and French commanders believed that in the event of a German-Bulgarian offensive the danger from attack in the rear was nothing like what it was a few weeks ago, thanks to the measures decided upon at the Rome Conference. The latter was most fruitful. As an instance, it was arranged that supplies for Salonic and also large quantities of coal for Italy should be sent overland, thus saving shipping and avoiding submarines.

LATER.

The vote of credit was passed unanimously.

Y.C. FOR GALLANT AIRMAN.

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THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The new Government's New Year Honours have been published, and include one Canadian Peer, numerous Colonial distinctions, eleven Barons including two prominent men on the Board of Admiralty, and twenty-eight Knights, including nine civilians connected with defence and navigation.

A Baronetcy has been conferred on Sir Charles Wakefield (Alderman of the City of London).

THE PRICE OF "THE TIMES."

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The Times has increased its price to 2d. and has decided to revive the old-fashioned system of circulation—one copy for several houses; and if this is insufficient to restrict the sale, the price will be increased to 3d., and even to 7d., in order to reduce the output of white paper.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL AUSTRIAN ENTERPRISE.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

An Italian semi-official message states that the Austrians recently repulsed, endeavouring to eject the Italians from advanced positions east of Gorizia favourable to an Italian offensive. Their attack on the night of the 10th inst. and the following day was made with great effect, and the whole of their artillery. Thinking that the defenders were annihilated by the bombardment, the infantry assaulted, and desperate fighting ensued. Italian counter-attacks recaptured the captured positions, and the Italian forts at the end of the action were intact, and the position unchanged except for a few advanced trench elements which were occupied by the Austrians. Hundreds of the latter's dead were left on the field.

BULGARIANS LOSING HEART.

SALONIKA, Feb. 12.

The Bulgarians, at a certain point on our front, recently hoisted the notice: "Germans retiring, we will come over to you when they have gone."

Undoubtedly the exhaustion of the Germans is affecting the moral of the Bulgarians.

Meanwhile, the Allies are not idle, and the Balkan front may yield surprises influencing the final issue.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

MR. GERARD AT BERNE.

ROME, Feb. 12.

Mr. Gerard and his party have arrived here.

GERMAN REPRESENTATIONS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.

There has been no announcement with reference to the German communication.

It is not denied that representations of some kind have been made, but whether through a Note, or orally, cannot be ascertained.

THE PACIFIST MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

THE NEW POLAND.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.

The Commission which has been appointed to consider the new organisation of Poland assembles within a fortnight. Its recommendations will be submitted to the Polish leaders.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MINISTRY.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 12.

It is understood that Mr. Hughes will form a War Ministry comprising six Liberals, and five Ministerialists.

COMMONWEALTH WAR LOAN.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 12.

A total of £18,180,000 has been subscribed to the Commonwealth war loan, which remains open.

A WAR TIME LIMIT.

I am speaking with some knowledge of facts, says a London correspondent writing on December 29, when I suggest that there is much significance in the following sentence from Mr. Lloyd George's great speech:

"It is not the mere haphazard law of supply and demand that will accomplish that which is necessary to save the nation within the time that it is essential. It should be accomplished, it is used, in question of years. It is a question of months, perhaps of weeks, and not of years.

Not merely the material resources of the country, but the labour of the country, is used to the best advantage, and every man is called upon to render such service to the State as he can best give.

Victory is beyond doubt, but the financial burden of the war on the present scale could not be borne indefinitely.

The fact I believe is that the Prime Minister and his colleagues take a view hostile to the theory of "attrition"; they favour focusing all the powers of the nation and army for a tremendous effort, believing that the cost of such a blow, however great, would be more economical than heavy losses spread over a long period.

BOLIVIA STRONGLY DENOUNCES "FIGHTFULNESS."

LA PAZ, Feb. 12.

The Foreign Minister has handed the German Minister the Bolivian reply to unrestricted submarine warfare, which it denounces in the strongest manner, describing it as warfare without belligerency, because Germany claims to belligerently treat neutral merchantmen while insisting that the latter shall adhere to neutrality. Therefore, Bolivia identifies herself with the United States in demanding respect and freedom of trade.

FOMENTING LABOUR TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.

It is officially announced that eleven members of the "Workers' Group of the Central Military and Industrial Committee of Petrograd" have been arrested and charged with fomenting labour troubles, aimed ultimately at transforming Russia into a Socialist Republic.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Feb. 12.

The following sinkings are announced:

Japan Prince, *Julian*, *Beach Tree* (British), *Elliott* (Norwegian),

Dutch trawler and a lugger.

There are no further details of the蒙特罗.

THE SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES OF ROSS SEA PARTY.

LONDON, Feb. 11.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has written to the *Daily Chronicle* an account of the terrible experiences of the Ross Sea party of his expedition who were absent from the *Endurance* laying food depots when the latter broke off from her moorings at Cape Evans in May, 1915. Sir Ernest Shackleton says he rescued five of the party on January 10th, while three, including the leader (Captain Mackintosh) and the Padre in the meantime succumbed to their privations. Three of their remains were unsuccessfully sought for.

The Ross Sea party's early trials were very severe. There were furious blizzards, and the temperature was thirty below zero. All except four of the dogs died in the trail. The party reached Cap Evans a fortnight after the *Endurance* had broken away. They found plenty of food, but there was a shortage of clothing. The members of the party made clothing from materials which the Scott expedition had left. Others worked scientifically, had seal, and subsequently stocked the distant depots.

The party made "for the south" in January, 1916, and left the Padre, who had contracted scurvy, in a tent. They proceeded to lay the last depot, and found two sledges, the sole traces of Scott's expedition. On returning they picked up the Padre, who was lashed to the sledge in a sleeping bag. Scurvy generally appeared, and the most rapid development was made, but the strain, combined with bad conditions, shortened the marches. Fortunately they took extra food from one depot, for when eleven miles from the next, and within thirty miles from whence Scott perished, an awful blizzard, lasting a fortnight, set in. The camp was broken when it had lasted six days, because the men were weakening, and fuel and provisions were practically exhausted. They took three hours to dig out the sledges, and the party restarted for the next depot in a blinding drift. "It was a fight against death, calling forth qualities of self-denial, endurance and comradeship worthy of the highest traditions of the Polar service." Captain Mackintosh and another fell on the tracks, and one was left to tend them. The others, with the starving dogs

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TSINGTAO, WEITAI, CHEFOO, & DALYAN	SHANSI	Feb. 14, Daylight.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	LIANGCHOW	Feb. 15, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	SIMTAN	Feb. 15, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	CHUSAN	Feb. 17, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	Feb. 18, Daylight.
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**SIMPLER MEALS IN GREAT
BRITAIN.**

**NEW LAW ON THREE-COURSE
DINNERS.**

A London paper, dated December 18th, received by the last mail, says:

The Board of Trade Order to simplify
meals and dinners in hotels, restaurants,
clubs, canteens, boarding-houses, and
other places of public eating, comes
into force to-day. The rule, in brief,
limits meals to—

Evening dinners—Three courses.

Other meals—Two courses.

The Order aims chiefly, at costly diners and other extravagant meals, and any confection will be an offence under the new law.

Plain cheese is not regarded as a course; and each of the following is reckoned as half a course—

Hors d'oeuvre (not containing any
preserved or freshly cooked fish, meat,
poultry, or game),

Desserts (consisting only of raw and
dried fruit), and

Soup prepared in the ordinary way,
which does not contain any meat, poultry,
or game in a solid form.

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any chance of success, it must be by pressing
the urgent necessity of her own case, a
federation of the Colonies and the British
Isles into one Empire—self-governing in its parts, yet united against
outside aggression—she will have conferred
on Great Britain the greatest benefit
that can be secured in our time.

Coming from a man holding Colonel
Moore's position of influence in Nationalist
Ireland, this suggestion that all
classes in Ireland would welcome an
Empire Federation, with Ireland included
in a Colonial footing, is very hopeful.

Mr. John Redmond recited the following
cablegram to Mr. Charles Murphy,
Secretary of State for the Dominion
of Canada:—“Addressing a large recruiting
meeting at Ottawa, Sir Wilfred Laurier said:—“It was in my power, I would like
to wipe out those pages of England's
history which record the illustration of
Ireland and which are a blot on her fair
name.”

A monthless day will come in due course,
no doubt. The publics have realised the
expediency of such a regulation, and
have been led to expect it. But Govern-
ment policy has not yet been settled; so
that dispense of any idea that Thursday
has been selected. It also rules out any
conjecture as to two needless days a
week by and by.

It is premature to speak of sugar
tickets when we know that there has not
been any decision on such a question as
rationing. It has not been authorita-
tively stated that there are to be rationing
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been any decision on such a question as
rationing.

Captain Challenger said that the case
had been brought by agreement Hyde
came to England in August, 1912, to
study for the Indian Police Service but
in 1913 he failed. He unsuccessfully
endeavoured to obtain situations in busi-
ness houses in India, and at the outbreak
of war joined the British army. In Sep-
tember, 1914, he was given a commission
in the North-umbrian Fusiliers, and
went to France, but on July 28 of last
year he relinquished his commission.

Mr. Denman—Why?

Hyde—There was an adverse report
from my commanding officer who re-
ported that I was useless as an officer
and dangerous to my platoon.

Hyde added that he had appealed to
the Army Council, who upheld the
report of his commanding officer, and he
is now intended to appeal to the King.

Mr. Denman said that he was still a
subject of the Indian Empire, and he
intended to return to India as soon as he
had settled his affairs. The fact is that he
volunteered his services at the begin-
ning of the war, did not make him
ordinarily resident in England.

Mr. Denman said that up to August,
1914, there was no doubt the Hyde was
only temporarily resident, but after
having relinquished his commission he
stayed in and became ordinarily resident
in this country.

Hyde asked for leave to appeal, but
Mr. Denman told him that he must take
his own course.

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writer in a London paper that the
Kaiser's penchant for dragging in the
name of the Party on every possible
occasion, and his character as a general,
are excellently foreshadowed in two
extracts from “The Masque of
Life” published in 1855. They run as
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result being simply mechanical efficiency.

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a spirit of sympathy with all that is
beautiful, true, honest and pure.

Publicans attempts to clear up doubtful
points in the No Trimming Order are
becoming fashionable, remarks a London
paper which quotes the following as the
latent to be displayed in a public bar
and says it has at least the merit of
cleanness:—

“You mustn't treat yer pals.”

“You mustn't treat the missus or the kids.”

“An if you try to do it.”

“And blasphe me him by such
worship.”

It is a thing that's half a saint,

Half a soldier, all a monarch,

Weighing down a people's life,

Yet a most embodied Anarch.

Like a bloodhound, lean and fierce,

He goes Europe; yet his cursing

Takes of God in every act.

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THE IRISH PROBLEM.

A very interesting statement was made
by Colonel Maurice Moore, Inspector-
General of the Irish Nationalist (Red-
mondite) Volunteers, in an article in the
“Star.” He declared that among Irish
people of all classes thoughtful men have
been turning their attention towards a
solution of the question on Colonial
lines; and this tendency is led, not by
the extremists, but by the moderate
Unionists. Researching people
over here have begun to think that
whole-hearted help will be most effective
secured, not by a mere federation of
the British Isles, but by a federation of
the whole Empire, of which Ireland
would, like New Zealand or South Africa,
form a separate unit.

Colonel Moore went on to say that this
plan “would gladly be received as
final by the most extreme men in Ireland.”
He added:—

“It seems to me that if Ireland has
any chance of success, it must be by pressing
the urgent necessity of her own case, a
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